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Serial No. 08/876.322) Group Art
) Unit 1724
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IMPROVEMENTS IN OR)
RELATING TO ABSORPTION)
OF HYDROPHOBIC WATER-)
IMMISCIBLE LIQUIDS)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 19 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Submitted concurrent with this Response is the Declaration of Mr. Richard Salisbury. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time, which may be necessary, and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but do not include the payment of issue fees that are or may become due.

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